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THE DEMOCRACY OF SOUTH CAROLINA IS STANCH AND SOLID.

Proceedings of the Recent State Convention—Nomination of Our Standard-Bearer for the Campaign of Eighty-Six—Interesting Reading for Every Good Democrat.

The Convention of the Democratic party of South Carolina was held in the Opera House, Columbia, commencing on Wednesday the 4th inst. Gen. James F. Izlar, Chairman of the State Executive Committee, called the body to order.

Col. J. C. Marshall, Secretary pro tem, read the call of the Convention, as issued by the Executive Committee, after which General Izlar nominated Gen. Johnson Hagood to be temporary Chairman, and he was unanimously elected.

On taking the chair Gen. Hagood said that he was gratified by the honor conferred on him, and in view of the important business which the Convention had before it he would proceed at once to the work of organizing the body.

The Secretary called the roll of counties, and as each was called the credentials of the delegations were presented by the chairman.

The roll of delegates was then called for the purpose of seating the delegates. After about one hour consumed in this business the roll was again called and each delegate answered, or failing, was substituted by an alternate.

There were a few delegates who failed to answer, but after the roll was completed the entire 318 members had responded.

Governor Hagood announced a quorum and stated that the Convention would proceed to elect permanent officers.

Mr. Buist, of Charleston, moved that Hon. Johnson Hagood be elected president by acclamation. Mr. Orr, of Greenville, seconded the nomination. Mr. Buist

then called for the Convention to vote, and Gen. Hagood was unanimously elected. On taking the chair he said:

"We are assembled here to-day as Democrats. There is no man here whose allegiance to the Democratic party is not sincere and single. It is not that in likely case we are gathered here to create dissensions among us. It is not probable that any disturbing issues will be raised to threaten the harmony of the party. We must not forget that we are children of a common mother, and that our proceedings should be marked by cordiality and patience. My individual opinion regarding many questions is decided. I agree with some of you and differ with others. I shall not attempt to direct you, but will learn your will and attempt to execute it. Again, gentlemen, permit me to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me and to bespeak your kind assistance."

John S. Vermer, of Oconee, and John A. Moroso, of Charleston, were elected Secretaries.

Mr. D. S. Henderson, of Aiken, moved the adoption of the resolutions, which were adopted:

"Resolved, That the Democracy of South Carolina, in Convention assembled, send greetings and congratulations to the fellow Democrats of the Union upon the return of the National Democratic party to the administration of the affairs of the nation."

"Resolved, That we heartily endorse the wise, patriotic and statesmanlike administration of President Cleveland and his Cabinet."

Mr. Geo. W. Croft, of Aiken, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"Resolved by the Democratic party of South Carolina in Convention assembled, That we have heard with profound respect of the death of the Hon. Samuel J. Tilden, of New York."

"Resolved, That this illustrious citizen exemplified in his life the true patriot and devoted supporter of constitutional liberty, and that by his death the nation has lost one of its most eminent and useful statesmen; that should he be denied of the office of President, we shall still cherish him in memory along with Jefferson, Madison and Monroe, and the other great statesmen that have held that high position, and have by their wisdom and love of liberty brought such lustre to the institutions of our country."

The President then announced that nominations were in order for seven Vice-Presidents.

C. H. Simonton, of Charleston, was nominated for 1st District; G. W. Coker, of Aiken, for the 2d; W. C. Benet, of Abbeville, for the 3d; D. R. Duncan, of Spartanburg, for the 4th; W. R. Davis, of Chester, for the 5th; J. G. Blue, of Marion, for the 6th; Wm. Elliott, of Beaufort, for the 7th—all of whom were elected by acclamation.

Mr. Ansel, of Greenville, moved to adopt the rules of the House of Representatives of South Carolina for the government of the Convention. Mr. Kelly, of Barnwell, moved to substitute Cushing's Manual, but his motion was not seconded. Mr. Ansel's motion was then adopted.

Mr. Haskell, of Richland, moved the appointment of a committee of one from each Congressional District who should prepare a platform of the Democratic party of South Carolina, and to whom should be referred all resolutions submitted in the Convention, without debate.

Col. Hoyt, of Greenville, moved to amend by making the committee one from each county, which, after some slight discussion, was accepted, and the resolution, as amended, was passed.

Under the operation of this resolution a number of resolutions were then presented to the Convention and referred.

The President then called for the names of delegates from each county, selected as members of the Committee on Platform and Resolutions, and their names were announced as the counties were called:

Abbeville, W. O. Bradley; Aiken, C. E. Sawyer; Anderson, R. W. Simpson; Barnwell, J. W. Holmes; Beaufort, Thomas Talbott; Berkeley, C. St. G. Sinkler; Charleston, A. T. Smythe; Chester, J. L. Glenn; Chesterfield, F. J. Kennedy; Clarendon, J. F. Rhame; Colleton, W. P. Murphy; Darlington, R. W. Boyd; Edgefield, B. R. Tillman; Fairfield, A. E. Davis; Georgetown, W. St. J. Mayock; Greenville, James A. Hoyt; Hampton, J. W. Moore; Horry, E. Norton; Kershaw, G. G. Alexander; Lancaster, R. E. Allison; Laurens, J. B. Humbert; Lexington, J. F. Seibels; Marion, W. J. Montgomery; Marlboro, C. S. McCall; Newberry, G. B. Croner; Oconee, R. A. Thompson; Orangeburg, J. T. Izlar; Pickens, L. E. Brown; Richland, J. C. Haskell; Spartanburg, J. T. Moore; Sumter, W. O. Cain; York, G. D. Peak; Williamsburg, H. J. Haynesworth; York, C. E. Spencer.

The committee met during the recess

and organized by the election of Col. John C. Haskell as chairman.

On motion, Col. J. C. Marshall was appointed Treasurer of the Convention, and the President asked that delegates would hand their contributions for the expenses of the Convention to the Treasurer.

Nominations for Governor being in order, Mr. Quattlebaum, of Horry, nominated Wm. D. Johnson, of Marion, Mr. T. Montgomery, of Marion, seconded the nomination.

Mr. Brunson, of Orangeburg, nominated Gen. Edward McCrady, Jr., of Charleston; seconded by Mr. Heyward, of Greenville, and Mr. Brawley, of Charleston.

Mr. Brailley, of Abbeville, nominated the Hon. J. C. Sheppard, of Edgefield; seconded by Mr. B. R. Tillman.

Mr. Brown, of Darlington, nominated the Hon. William C. Coker, of Darlington; seconded by General Moore, of Hampton.

Mr. Henderson, of Aiken, nominated the Hon. John P. Richardson, of Clarendon; seconded by Mr. Rhame, of Clarendon.

Major Hart, of York, nominated the Hon. Giles J. Patterson, of Chester; seconded by Mr. C. D. R. Duncan, of Spartanburg. Mr. Williams, of Barnwell, also seconded the nomination of Mr. Patterson.

On motion of Col. J. C. Haskell, the nominations were closed.

The President appointed Messrs. D. S. Henderson, J. L. Orr, W. J. Montgomery and J. B. Capleman tellers, and the voting commenced. As the name of each delegate was called, he arose and announced the name of his candidate, which was noted by the President and recorded by the tellers.

**FIRST BALLOT.**  
Whole number of votes cast 318; necessary to a choice 159.

J. P. Richardson.....112  
G. W. Coker.....88  
W. C. Benet.....68  
G. D. McCrady.....36  
Ed. McCrady.....29  
W. D. Johnson.....25

The following is a statement of the vote by counties:

Abbeville recorded nine votes for Sheppard and three for Richardson.

Next came Aiken with ten solid votes for Richardson.

Anderson divided her ten votes as follows: Sheppard three, Coker four, McCrady two, Johnson one.

Barnwell's twelve votes were divided as follows: Richardson nine, Sheppard two, McCrady one. (Mr. W. R. Kelly.)

Beaufort gave a plumper, eight votes, for Richardson.

Berkeley's twelve votes were divided between Richardson and Sheppard, the former getting six, and Sheppard five. Mr. Cain voted for Mr. Coker.

The Charleston delegation voted as follows: For McCrady twenty-one, Sheppard three, Richardson three, Johnson one.

Chester polled a plumper for Patterson, eight votes.

Chesterfield gave three votes to Richardson, two to Coker and one to Sheppard.

Clarendon, of course, plumped her six votes to Richardson.

Colleton divided her twelve votes as follows: Sheppard nine, Richardson three.

Darlington polled her ten votes for Coker and never changed them.

Edgefield gave Sheppard her twelve votes through the three ballots, only changing after the election of Colonel Richardson was secured.

Fairfield was divided, her eight votes being cast as follows: Coker four, Patterson two, McCrady two.

Georgetown gave five votes to Richardson and one to Sheppard.

Greenville also divided her ten votes, giving five to Coker, three to Richardson, one to McCrady and one to Johnson.

Hampton divided her votes, three to Richardson, two to Sheppard and three to Coker.

Horry voted solidly, six votes for Johnson on two ballots, and on the third, after the withdrawal of Chancellor Johnson, voted solidly for Richardson.

Kershaw voted solidly, eight votes for Richardson.

Lancaster for Patterson, six votes.

Laurens divided her eight votes equally between Richardson, Coker, Sheppard and Johnson, giving two to each.

Lexington gave McCrady and Coker one vote each and the remaining four to Richardson.

Marion gave eight of ten votes to Johnson and divided the other two between Sheppard and Richardson, one each.

Marlboro voted Johnson two, Coker two, Sheppard one and Richardson one.

The Chair announced Mr. Richardson as the nominee of the Convention for Governor of South Carolina.

"It is impossible to describe the future of enthusiasm with which the announcement was received. A tumultuous roar rose from the floor, was caught up by the parquette, and the densely packed galleries and corridors joined in the pean that rolled up in a volume which seemed to threaten to lift the roof."

As soon as order could be restored Mr. Blackwell, of Edgefield, rose and moved that the vote of the Convention be made unanimous, which was seconded in a neat speech by Mr. Brown, of Darlington, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The Chair announced that nominations for Lieutenant-Governor were next in order. Several ineffectual attempts were made to induce the Convention to take a recess.

Mr. Ira B. Jones, of Lancaster, placed in nomination Gen. W. L. T. Prince, of Chesterfield. Mr. E. J. Kennedy seconded the nomination.

Col. John C. Haskell at this juncture moved to shut off all further speaking in making nominations, but his motion was tabled.

At this point Dr. Talley, of Richland, made a motion to take a recess until 8.30 p. m., but the motion was lost, and the Chair announced that the Convention would proceed to nominations for Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. W. F. Brooker, of Edgefield, nominated Mr. C. J. C. Hutson, and Col. Claude E. Sawyer seconded the nomination.

Col. James L. Orr placed in nomination Dr. W. L. Mauldin, of Greenville, whose nomination was seconded by Mr. W. J. Montgomery, of Marion.

The first ballot was then taken, with the following result: Mauldin, 149; Hutson, 138; Prince, 30. Total vote cast, 317. Necessary to a choice, 159.

Mr. E. J. Kennedy withdrew the name of Gen. W. L. T. Prince.

The second ballot was then taken, with the following result: Whole number of votes cast, 313, of which Mauldin received 169; Hutson 144.

On motion of Mr. C. J. C. Hutson the nomination was made unanimous.

The Convention then adjourned till 10 o'clock on Thursday morning.

**Second Day.**  
The Convention assembled promptly at 10 o'clock, with Governor Hagood in the chair.

There was no abatement in the interest manifested in the proceedings, every part of the Opera House being crowded with spectators.

At 10.15 the body was called to order, Mr. Blackwell, of Edgefield, moved that all nominations be submitted without speeches, which was adopted.

Mr. Henderson said that if the important matter of platform and resolutions were not attended to before the nominations were made, they would not be likely to receive the attention which their importance deserved, and moved to call up the report of the committee.

The demonstration was decided from all parts of the House, that there would be no interruption allowed to before the nominations were made, and Mr. Henderson's motion was adopted without debate.

After some time spent in substituting the names of alternates for absent members, on motion of Mr. Thomas, of Union, the nominations were proceeded with.

The President announced that the first nomination in order was that of Secretary of State.

Mr. Hoyt, of Greenville, nominated Gen. W. W. Humphries, of Anderson, and the President seconded by Mr. Clinchdale, of Anderson.

Mr. Clark, of Kershaw, nominated Col. W. Z. Leitner, of Kershaw, which was seconded by Mr. Kennedy, of Kershaw. The nomination was received by loud applause, and so many delegates took the floor in all parts of the house to second the nomination that Mr. Murray, of Anderson, felt constrained to ask if there was no rule to limit the number of seconds to a nomination. The President said there was not, but a motion was made in order to make such a rule; whereupon Mr. Murray moved that the number be limited to two, and on the suggestion of another delegate made it two, but the motion was lost.

Messrs. Jones, Croft and Johnstone were nominated tellers, and the ballot was taken.

The President announced the result, as follows: Whole number of votes cast 316, of which Col. W. W. Leitner received 207 and Gen. W. W. Humphries received 109, and Colonel Leitner was declared the nominee of the Convention for Secretary of State.

The announcement was received with deafening roars of applause, which lasted for many minutes.

As soon as order was resumed, Colonel Hoyt moved that the nomination be declared unanimous, and no objection being offered it was so ordered.

The President announced the nomination of Comptroller-General as next in order. Mr. Haskell nominated the Hon. W. E. Stoney, seconded by Mr. Donaldson.

On motion of Mr. Heyward, of Greenville, the President was instructed to call the vote of the Convention for Mr. Stoney, which being done, he was declared the nominee of the Convention.

The next nomination in order was that of Attorney-General. Mr. Henderson nominated the Hon. C. R. Miles, of Charleston.

Mr. Gilland, of Williamsburg, nominated the Hon. Jos. H. Earle, of Sumter. The nomination was seconded with enthusiastic and prolonged cheers, indicating of the result which followed.

Messrs. Glaze, Hemphill, Wagner and Davis were appointed tellers.

The President announced the vote as follows: Hon. J. H. Earle, 174; Hon. C. R. Miles, 141.

Mr. Buist, of Charleston, in behalf of the Charleston Delegation, moved that the nomination be declared unanimous, which was done.

The next nomination in order being that of Treasurer, the Chair appointed as tellers Messrs. J. Q. Marshall, Jervay, Hutson and Mayock.

Mr. Izlar, of Barnwell, nominated Isaac G. Bamberg, of Barnwell, and the nomination was seconded by Mr. Orr, of Greenville. Mr. Croft, of Aiken, nominated Col. John P. Thomas, of Richland, which was seconded by Mr. Marshall, of Richland. Mr. Marshall, of Richland, nominated Richard Singleton, seconded by Mr. Sinkler, of Berkeley.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot, with the following result: 314 votes were cast, of which General Bamberg received 191, Colonel Thomas 74 and Mr. Singleton 30; and on motion of Mr. Haskell, on behalf of the Richland delegation, the nomination was made unanimous.

Mr. Brooks, of Edgefield, nominated Gen. A. M. Manigault for Adjutant and Inspector-General. Mr. McKeebe, of Chester, nominated Col. I. G. McKissick, of Union, Mr. Humbert, of Lancaster, nominated Mr. Hugh L. Farley, of Spartanburg. Seconded by Mr. Duncan, of Spartanburg. Mr. Marshall, of Richland, Mr. Smith, of Horry, and Mr.

Spurkman, of Georgetown, seconded General Manigault's nomination. The vote on the first ballot, after numerous changes, was: Manigault, 156; Farley, 150; McKissick, 7. Number of votes cast, 313; necessary to a choice, 157.

Mr. McKissick was withdrawn by Mr. Thomas, of Union.

In the midst of cheers for Manigault and Farley, the cry of "Ballot! ballot!" was raised. The second ballot resulted as follows: Manigault, 162; Farley, 155. Number of votes cast, 318; necessary to a choice, 160.

Amidst excitement, it was moved to make the nomination unanimous. Agreed to.

Gen. James F. Izlar nominated for Superintendent of Education Col. A. Benet, seconded by Mr. Davis, of Chester. Mr. Childs, of Pickens, nominated Col. James H. Rice, of Abbeville. Seconded by Mr. Howell, of Colleton.

The ballot resulted as follows: Rice, 180; Benet, 170. Number of votes cast, 314; necessary to a choice, 157.

On motion of Mr. Hart, of York, a motion to make the nomination unanimous was carried.

Notices of time and place of the meetings of the Congressional Conventions were given. Most of them met in the Convention Hall immediately after adjournment.

Mr. Haskell, from the Committee on Platform and Resolutions, sent in a report. He stated that while there was a divergence of opinion among some of the members of the committee, there would be no minority report, but that each member would state his differences on the floor of the Convention.

The President appointed the following committee to notify the successful candidates of their nomination, and ask them to address the Convention: Messrs. D. S. Henderson, J. L. Orr, R. C. Barkley, G. W. Brown and W. R. Blackwell.

At 1.45 a motion was made to adjourn until 3 o'clock.

**Afternoon Session.**  
On the opening of the Convention, Mr. Haskell submitted the report of the Committee on Platform and Resolutions.

The platform was taken up for consideration, and Mr. Haskell, while observing that the committee, while conforming the instrument very closely to the platform of 1884, had omitted the civil service plank, which was first adopted in 1882 and reaffirmed by the Convention of 1884. He therefore proposed an amendment which restored the civil service clause as it existed in the former platform and made an earnest argument in its support. He said that the omission would be calculated to place the Democracy of South Carolina in antagonism to the Democratic party of the United States, and he appealed to the Convention to hesitate before adopting a course which would in effect be construed as a rebuke to the national Democratic party and the administration of President Cleveland.

Mr. Benet accepted the proposed amendment.

Messrs. Kelly, of Barnwell, Murphy, of Colleton, and Barber, of Chester, spoke in favor of the amendment; while Messrs. Clarke, of Kershaw, Murray, of Anderson, and Hasty, of Richland, spoke on the other side. A motion to table the amendment was then lost by a vote of 153 yeas to 149 nays. The amendment was then adopted.

**The Platform.**  
The Democratic party of South Carolina in State Convention assembled, reaffirming their allegiance and devotion to the principles of the Democratic party, declare the following to be the principles and policy of the Democratic party in State and Federal affairs:

First. Wise and just legislation; the impartial administration of equal laws; and the maintenance of the Democratic party in the State government.

Second. Popular education is the bulwark of free institutions. Liberal support for the public schools for the whole people.

Third. The present protective tariff taxes the many for the benefit of the few. The duties on imports should be decreased. An early repeal of the duty on cotton ties, on the machine used in the manufacture of cotton and wool, and on tools and agricultural implements, will stimulate manufactures and be a measure of relief to the farmers of the country.

Fourth. The public credit, National and State, must be maintained.

Fifth. In the conduct of affairs in this State the Democracy have been actuated by the desire to promote the greatest good for the greatest number, and to secure the widest possible public safety and private security.

Sixth. In the State, justice and equality for all, to insure harmony and good will between the races. In the Union no sectionalism in policy or feeling; an inseparable union of industrial States; and, one country, one destiny.

Seventh. Civil service reform. Appointments to minor offices under tests that will indicate the qualifications of the applicant, promotion by merit, a fixed tenure of office and no removals except for cause.

Eighth. The nominees of the Convention (except General Manigault, who was not in Columbia) were now introduced, and each made an appropriate speech.

The Committee on Resolutions to whom were referred various resolutions amending the Constitution as to the mode of selecting the candidates, respectfully submit the following report: The following amendment, they recommend shall be adopted as a substitute for all the proposed amendments so referred to them:

Amend Article XII by adding thereto the following:

"Each Congressional District or judicial circuit in this State shall be at liberty to adopt the method of primary election instead of the convention plan for nominating candidates for Congress or Solicitor-General, such method to be determined upon by a convention regularly called in the manner hereinbefore specified, for that purpose among others. If such method be adopted, the convention adopting the same shall fix the time when and where the election shall be held, and such election shall be held: Provided, That such primary election shall be held in each county composing such district or circuit: Provided, further, That no election either for delegates to a convention or under the primary plan shall be hereafter held prior to the first day of September in every year."

This report elicited no debate and was agreed to, there being no minority report.

The Convention, by an overwhelming vote, refused to lay on the table and amendments proposed were then adopted.

A batch of adverse reports were then submitted.

Colonel Haskell, representing a minority of the committee, moved to table the unfavorable report on the resolution favoring a Constitutional Convention and to take up the resolution.

After a parliamentary tilt between Messrs. Haskell and Smythe, the motion was lost, and the unfavorable report adopted in an off-hand manner.

There was an unfavorable report on Mr. Murray's resolution providing for a

general speech-making day for all candidates for election in the counties, and prescribing a canvass of the State before the meeting of the State Convention by all candidates for State offices.

Mr. Murray moved to table the report and take up the resolution. He argued that the views of candidates should be known before and not after the nomination.

The Convention, however, refused to take up the resolution, and adopted the committee's unfavorable report.

The resolution providing for the nomination of all State officers, Congressmen and Solicitors by primary was also unfavorably reported, but on motion of Colonel Orr it was taken up for consideration and caused quite a debate.

Mr. Benet moved to amend by substituting Governor and Lieutenant-Governor for State officers. The amendment was lost.

Mr. Henderson moved to table the original resolution.

The roll was called and the State primary proposition was tabled by the decisive vote of 174 to 96.

The following is an analysis of the vote on the motion to table:

	Ayes.	Noes.
Abbeville.....	1	0
Aiken.....	0	1
Anderson.....	0	7
Barnwell.....	0	8
Beaufort.....	0	6
Berkeley.....	12	0
Charleston.....	28	0
Chester.....	7	0
Chesterfield.....	6	0
Clarendon.....	3	1
Colleton.....	0	0
Darlington.....	10	0
Edgefield.....	1	4
Fairfield.....	0	8
Georgetown.....	4	0
Greenville.....	0	10
Hampton.....	0	0
Horry.....	6	0
Kershaw.....	0	2
Lancaster.....	4	2
Laurens.....	4	2
Lexington.....	3	0
Marion.....	4	0
Marlboro.....	5	0
Newberry.....	1	7
Oconee.....	4	2
Union.....	0	6
Pickens.....	0	5
Richland.....	12	0
Spartanburg.....	0	8
Sumter.....	5	0
Talbot.....	0	7
Williamsburg.....	8	0
York.....	4	4
Total.....	174	96

This disposed of the reports before the Convention.

Colonel Orr moved that the Committee on Resolutions be discharged.

A motion was interposed to adjourn sine die. There was thereupon a great hubbub, which at last ceased sufficiently to allow the President to call the roll. He said that he made the motion to bring out an amendment to the Constitution providing for representation in Convention in proportion to the number of Democratic votes cast at elections.

Colonel Haskell, of Columbia, and Colonel Orr, of Aiken, opposed the amendment.

On a viva voce vote the proposed amendment was lost by a large majority vote against it.

Colonel Henderson being called to the chair, Colonel Haskell ordered the customary resolutions of thanks to the officers of the Convention, which in this case at least were thoroughly deserved. They were unanimously adopted in committee of the whole and presented by Colonel Henderson to President Hagood, who, upon receiving them said:

"Gentlemen: The Convention: I thank you for the kindly feelings expressed in your resolutions and congratulate you upon the work you have done. In my opinion it has been wise and judicious, and will redound to the credit of the Democracy of South Carolina. I wish you heartily a pleasant return to your homes."

The gavel fell and at 6.35 p. m. the Convention of 1886 ended its labors.

**The State Executive Committee.**  
The following is the Executive Committee:

First Congressional District—W. H. Brawley, Charleston; S. P. Wingard, Lexington; W. J. Fishburn, Colleton.

Second District—L. T. Izlar, Barnwell; J. W. Moore, Hampton; W. J. Talbot, Edgefield.

Third District—Geo. S. Mover, Newberry; E. B. Murray, Anderson; John C. Vermer, Oconee.

Fourth District—J. A. Hoyt, Greenville; D. Johnson, Union; G. W. Shell, Laurens.

Fifth District—E. A. Allison, Lancaster; T. H. Clark, Kershaw; G. W. S. Orange, York.

Sixth District—C. S. McCall, Marlboro; C. A. Wood, Darlington; J. F. Rhame, Clarendon.

Seventh District—S. Porcher Smith, Berkeley; B. D. Lee, Sumter; J. M. Rickett, Beaufort.

**The Democratic Standard-Bearer.**  
As a result of the conclusion of the report of the Convention, the State ticket nominated is here appended:

Governor: JOHN PETER RICHARD